



TOWN OF WEST HARTFORD

MEETING MINUTES

West Hartford Clean Energy Task Force

December 16, 2015

7:00 PM

Rm 422

1. Roll Call - 7:10 PM

Member	Present, 3 needed for quorum
Catherine Diviney	X
Robert Palmer	
Bernie Pelletier	X
Joe Campanella	X
Chris Nelson	X
Total	
Additional Attendees	Craig Diamond, Gerry Hayes, Matt Macunas, Bernard Lugaho, Katherine Bruns, Dave Mello, Conard HS students: Grace, Kaylee, Briana, Zoe

2. Approval of Minutes

a. Oct 14, 2015 - **approved**

b. Nov 18, 2015, including 2016 meeting dates: - **approved**

W Jan 20, 2016

W Feb 17

M Mar 14

M Apr 11

M May 16

M Jun 13

M Jul 11

M Aug 15

M Sep 12

M Oct 17

M Nov 14

M Dec 12

M Jan 16, 2017 – this is MLK day, will need to change.

3. Receipt of Communications: none

4. Updates & Unfinished Business

a. Task Force Alternates

Council passed resolution at Oct 27, 2015 meeting. Chris sent email to solicit self-nominations. We have two – Max and Dave Mello. Maybe Craig? Will leave open until next meeting and then decide who to submit to Town Council.

b. Great Hartford Assoc of Realtors Event – Jan 27, 5PM Rockledge

Craig has been in touch and help them line up speakers from utilities. Assume task force members could attend, but will confirm.

c. Eversource data letter for Mayor Slifka - data status (CNG data too?)

Bernie continues to work with Diana/Eversource. They are developing a form to submit requests. Not sure why it is taking so long but hold off on letter for now. Mayor will also need to review letter before sending.

d. Housing Grand List

Assessor can provide this. Catherine should have in a couple of days.

e. Street Lights

Catherine gave update that it is going well. Newly released models of GE ERL Fixture could drop what even further and shorten payback.

f. Energy Projects

Catherine gave update that implementation is going slower but savings will be greater. Some lighting project are being rebid as initial scope of work was not well defined by Siemens and bid were not accurate.

g. Other

Joe asked about Hotel LEED status again – Catherine will follow-up.

Joe asked about PR for Charter Oak and would like to see mention of energy and health benefits of green building in press. Catherine will draft something for BOE/Town to use.

5. New Business

a. Task Force Officers

Catherine explained task force officers usually change annually. No one was interested in changing officers; it was decided to remain with current officers and revisit in Dec 2016.

b. 6-month moratorium on ground-mount solar

Due to a contentious ground mount tracker system near Norfeldt School, the Town Council has placed a moratorium on ground-mount solar for 6 months. There will be a process (led by Community Services/Zoning) to look at and/or revise ordinance.

6. Energy / Recycling Plan

a. Draft of Residential Letter – Bernie / Timeline for events

Bernie is still working on this. There was agreement not to rush and make sure we have enough time for planning.

Speaker events could be held in Room 400 instead of Library – better parking

Chris mentioned DEEP did an EV test drive event would get dealer contacts

Bernie is also working on video clips to show on channel 95

b. Draft of Business Plan – Bernie

Not discussed.

c. Draft overall introductory section with input from 2009 Plan

Catherine wanted to make sure intro language from old 2009 plan (which everyone agreed was good) made it into new one.

d. Status of Recycling Plan

Not discussed.

7. Adjournment – 9:01 PM